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PATENT APPLICATION 4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: FONT MEMORY AND FONT DATA READING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3", and insert --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

--8. The font memory according to claim 2 further comprising a plurality of density level output terminals through which density level signals specifying density levels when the dot patterns are displayed is output, wherein,

based on the number of dots in the dot pattern, a density level is calculated when the dot pattern is displayed and density level signals specifying the calculated density level are output from said density level output terminals.